# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

# Selectmen, Treasurer,

AND

# BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

# TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

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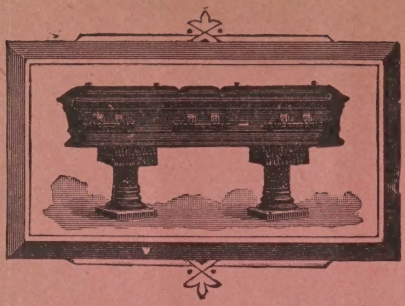

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## *FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1. 1890*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of acres of residents' land, | 15,798 | value $360,962 |
| " non-residents' " | 3,533 | 88,585 |
| polls, | 238 | 23,800 |
| horses, | 192 | 15,315 |
| oxen, | 36 | 1,910 |
| cows, | 510 | 12,861 |
| other neat stock, | 98 | 1,612 |
| sheep, | 107 | 511 |
| carriages, | 8 | 600 |
| Value of stock in banks and other corporations, | | 10,760 |
| money on hand, at interest or on deposit, | | 8,100 |
| stock in trade, | | 14,150 |
| mills and machinery, | | 14,300 |
| Total value, | | $553,466 |
| Dog tax, | $106 | |
| Rate per cent on $100 on town, county, state and school taxes, | | $0 80 |

Railroad stock owned in town, viz:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Concord R. R. | shares, | 153 |
| Nashua & Lowell, | " | 115 |
| Peterborough, | " | 68 |
| Northern, | " | 71 |
| Wilton, | " | 15 |
| Manchester & Lawrence, | | 71 |
| Boston, Concord & Montreal, | | 9 |
| | | 502 |

## EXPENSE WITH ROAD MACHINE.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. A. Bills and team, | $280 00 |
| James W. Longa, | 107 50 |
| Anson S. Longa, | 61 25 |
| Henry S. Patten, | 61 25 |
| R. S. Boutell, | 51 00 |
| | $561 00 |

## HIGHWAY SUMMER BILLS.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Henry S. Patten, | labor on highway, | $9 35 |
| Henry W. Wilson, | " | 4 04 |
| Wm. F. Patterson, | " | 3 50 |
| Timothy C. Kittredge, | " | 120 45 |
| Jacob Hartshorn, for land to straighten highway, | | 10 00 |
| James P. Walker, | labor on highway, | 125 86 |
| C. C. Beard, | " | 49 49 |
| Frank S. Weishaupt, | " | 26 00 |
| Wm. T. Parker, | " | 8 00 |
| C. A. Harris, | " | 94 79 |
| R. H. Center, | " | 2 00 |
| Richard Fretts, | " | 48 88 |
| John O. Spalding, | " | 20 00 |
| Fessenden & Lowell, | " | 72 47 |
| Wm. P. Melvin, | " | 64 05 |
| Geo. E. Patterson, | " | 74 16 |
| Henry F. Herrick, | " | 38 50 |
| H. S. Fields, | " | 39 36 |
| Geo. W. West, | " | 40 30 |
| Charles H. Longa, | " | 42 50 |
| Brian Connor, | " | 25 25 |
| Samuel Humphrey, | " | 29 25 |
| A. S. Longa, | " | 94 47 |
| " " | labor on highway in Dist. No. 9, | 4 50 |
| Daniel Jones, labor on highway and cash paid, | | 34 88 |

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|---|---|
| George R. Green, labor on highway, | $9 00 |
| A. A. Junkins, " | 16 75 |
| George C. Ingals, " | 1 00 |
| H. F. Herrick, " | 5 50 |
| H. E. Herrick, " | 7 00 |
| George S. Parkhurst, " in 1888, | 12 38 |
| Luther Kittredge, " | 6 25 |
| H. E. Weston, (for gravel,) | 6 16 |
| H. A. Harris " | 8 24 |
| Brian Connor, " | 2 00 |
| James P. Walker, cash paid Wm. McQuestion for gravel, | 14 82 |
| F. D. Cook, for bridge material, | 3 33 |
| Cross & Tolles, " " | 9 43 |
| S. Humphrey, labor on bridge and material for same, | 5 22 |
| H. McKean, posts and rails for bridge, | 4 58 |
| Heseltine & Co., paints and oils for Souhegan bridge, | 6 80 |
| John G. Read, for painting Souhegan bridge, | 11 50 |
| | $1,212 01 |

## SNOW BILLS.

| | |
|---|---|
| A. S. Longa, labor on highway and snowing bridge, | $5 75 |
| George F. Spaulding, breaking roads, in 1888, | 15 40 |
| Charles H. Longa, " " | 4 00 |
| A. S. Longa, breaking roads and snowing bridge. | 11 30 |
| | $36 45 |

## INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

| | |
|---|---|
| George F. Spalding, damage to carriage, | $2 80 |
| J. L. Wendall, watering trough, 1888, | 3 00 |
| Geo. Watkins, damage to wagon, | 1 00 |

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|---|---|
| Campbell & Williams, printing town reports, | $26 00 |
| Temple & Farington, books and stationery, | 5 41 |
| George W. Darrah, special appropriation for memorial day, | 100 00 |
| F. A. Gordon, treasurer of McGaw Normal Institute, tuitions for town scholars, | 500 00 |
| Harrison E. Herrick, services as liquor agent, | 25 00 |
| Joseph Blanchard, keeping tramps, | 44 10 |
| C. A. Harris, watering trough, | 3 00 |
| J. B. Varick Company, powder, fuse and road tools, | 9 48 |
| Edward Jones, housing road machine, | 1 00 |
| John Hadlock, edge to road machine, | 8 40 |
| Ben O. Roby, repairing hearse, | 42 60 |
| H. F. Morse, footing taxes from 1872 to 1887 inclusive, | 20 00 |
| A. S. Longa, mowing grave yard, | 3 50 |
| S. W. Barlow, repairing road machine and tools, | 5 78 |
| McKean & Andrews, insurance on town house, | 35 00 |
| H. A. Harris, paints and oils for cemetery fence at South Merrimack, | 10 08 |
| B. A. Hill, labor on cemetery fence at South Merrimack, | 6 80 |
| School board for text books, under free text book laws, | 31 21 |
| Wm. T. Parker, services as moderator at annual meeting and school meeting, | 5 00 |
| Wm. T. Parker, services and expenses looking up soldiers' record in 1888, | 5 00 |
| W. L. Foster, counsel for committee on Thornton monument, | 15 00 |
| J. B. Eliott, repairing road machine and tools, | 4 68 |
| Leonard Butler, damage to hog by dogs, | 27 00 |
| George E. Patterson, for use of watering trough, | 3 00 |
| J. L. Wendall, " " " | 3 00 |

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|---|---|
| Luther Read, notifying selectmen of finding body in Merrimack river, | $1 50 |
| Edward P. Giddings, guarding body found in Merrimack river, | 2 00 |
| John Barnes, guarding body found in Merrimack river, | 2 00 |
| W. W. Pillsbury, returning births and deaths, | 5 75 |
| Wm. P. Melvin, hen killed by stray dog, | 75 |
| " aid to tramps, | 7 60 |
| J. C. F. Hodgman, books, stationery, postage and car fare, | 9 77 |
| D. R. Hutchinson, hens killed by dog, | 50 00 |
| John H. Upham, sheep killed by dogs, | 6 00 |
| Mathew P. Nichols, services as town treasurer, | 75 00 |
| Wm. M. West, services as town clerk, | 40 00 |
| " " supervisor, | 10 00 |
| " adjusting arrears of taxes and time and expenses to Manchester, | 6 00 |
| George W. Darrah, services as supervisor and moderator, | 11 00 |
| H. E. Herrick, services as supervisor and school clerk, | 5 00 |
| F. P. Jones, services at burials, | 46 00 |
| " " as tax collector and printing bills for 1888, | 65 00 |
| Miss H. McMillen, services on school board, | 45 00 |
| E. M. Parker, " " | 55 00 |
| H. A. Harris, " " | 40 00 |
| Charles S. Nesmith, trustee of Gage fund, including expenses, | 40 00 |
| J. C. F. Hodgman, services as first selectman, | 85 00 |
| " " and expenses adjusting arrears of taxes, | 19 00 |
| Wm. P. Melvin, services as second selectman, | 68 50 |

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|---|---|
| Wm. P. Melvin, services and expenses adjusting arrears of taxes, | $8 50 |
| Henry A. Harris, services as third selectman, | 60 00 |
| " " and expenses adjusting arrears of taxes, | 9 08 |
| Henry A. Harris, car fare, | 12 25 |
| | $1,732 54 |

## ABATEMENTS AND DISCOUNTS.

| | |
|---|---|
| Frank P. Jones, abatements on tax list of 1888, | $10 88 |
| " discount on tax list of 1889, | 182 29 |
| Daniel C. Barron, over tax, | 1 40 |
| Ibra Foster, " | 40 |
| Frank P. Jones, abatement on dog taxes for 1888, | 2 00 |
| | $196 97 |

## TOWN POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wm P. Melvin, goods furnished E. A. Hill's family, | $11 00 |
| H. A. Harris, goods furnished E. A. Hill's family, | 59 95 |
| H. S. Fields, wood furnished E. A. Hill's family, | 7 50 |
| W. C. Brown, goods furnished Mrs. H. F. Clough, | 7 00 |
| Soldiers' aid to Mrs Rachel Colston, | 47 45 |
| H. S. Fields, wood furnished and delivering goods to E. A. Hill's family, | 24 62 |
| | $157 52 |

## COUNTY POOR.

| | |
|---|---|
| W. W. Pillsbury, professional services on wife of George Barnes, | $15 00 |
| R. P. Hill, board of Cyrus Fuller, | 12 50 |
| H. A. Harris, aid to Mrs. F. J. Woodward, | 26 00 |
| A. J. Rockwood, coffin for E. G. Burnham, | 8 00 |
| John L. Bullis, for care of E. G. Burnham, | 8 00 |
| J. C. F. Hodgman, cash paid for supplies for E. G. Burnham, and services at burial, | 11 40 |
| H. McKean, for board of Zebadiah Fields, | 2 25 |
| Wm. P. Melvin, goods furnished Joseph B. Pierce, | 18 56 |
| W. W. Pillsbury, professional services on family of Ezra Duffy, | 10 00 |
| W. W. Pillsbury, professional service on E. G. Burnham, | 6 00 |
| | 117 71 |

## RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|---|
| Paid on highways and bridges, ending March 1, 1890. | $1,212 01 |
| Snow bills, ending March 1, 1890, | 36 45 |
| Help with road machine, | 561 00 |
| Incidental expenses, | 1,732 54 |
| Town poor, | 157 50 |
| County poor, | 117 71 |
| Abatements and discounts, | 196 97 |
| | 4,014 18 |

## STATEMENT OF LIQUOR ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Stock on hand March 1, 1889, | | $64 75 |
| Paid agent for selling, June 1, 1888 to June 1, 1889, | | 25 00 |
| Paid for Stock, | | 93 00 |
| Fixtures on hand March 1, | | 6 25 |
| | | $189 00 |
| By sales current year, | $178 00 | |
| Stock on hand, | 22 00 | |
| Fixtures, | 5 00 | |
| | | 205 00 |
| Balance in favor of town on business current year, | | $16 00 |

During the year the selectmen have perambulated the lines and renewed the bounds and marks thereon between the following named towns: between Merrimack and Hollis, Merrimack and Amherst, Merrimack and Bedford.

Most respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. F. HODGMAN,
WILLIAM P. MELVIN,
HENRY A. HARRIS,
*Selectmen of Merrimack.*

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I have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

LUTHER KITTREDGE, *Auditor.*

## Statement of the Joseph N. Gage School Fund,

March 1, 1890.

| | |
|---|---|
| Manchester sav'gs bank Manchester, N. H., | $5,681 25 |
| Amoskeag " " " " | 1,134 13 |
| Guaranty " " " " | 2,427 78 |
| Mechanics' " " Nashua, " | 2,914 13 |
| Seven shares Lawrence National Bank, Lawrence, Mass. | 875 00 |
| Twelve shares National Pemberton Bank, Lawrence, Mass. | 1,680 00 |
| | $14,712 29 |
| Income as received July 1, 1889: | |
| Manchester savings bank, | $255 64 |
| Amoskeag savings bank, | 51 03 |
| Guaranty savings bank, | 109 88 |
| Mechanics' savings bank, | 145 70 |
| Lawrence National bank, | 42 00 |
| National Pemberton bank, | 84 00 |
| | $688 25 |
| Less amount paid trustee for care and expenses for year ending March 1. 1889, | $25 00 |
| | $663 25 |

## Statement of the Jane N. Gage School Fund,

March 1, 1890.

| | |
|---|---|
| In Mechanics' savings bank, Nashua, N. H. | $2000 00 |
| Income from same July 1, 1889, | 100 00 |

CHAS. S. NESMITH, *Trustee.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

*Town of Merrimack in acct. with M. P. Nichols, Treas.*

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|---|---|
| By balance in treasury March 1, 1889, | $729 04 |
| Cash received of F. P. Jones, balance of tax list 1888, | 505 47 |
| Cash received of F. P. Jones, on acct. of taxes on list for 1889, | 4,073 18 |
| Cach received of F. P. Jones, on acct. of dog tax for 1888, | 94 00 |
| Cash received of F. P. Jones, interest on taxes 1888, | 7 17 |
| Cash received of C. S. Nesmith, dividend on Gage school fund, | 763 25 |
| Cash received as dividend on bank deposits, | 12 65 |
| Cash received of State Treasurer as railroad tax, | 509 48 |
| Cash received of State Treasurer as savings bank tax, | 2,817 13 |
| Cash received of State Treasurer as literary fund, | 151 06 |
| Cash received of County for the care and support of paupers, | 20 00 |
| Cash received of David T. Jones for lot of grass in cemetery, | 1 00 |
| Cash received of selectmen for use of road plough, | 50 |
| Cash received of selectmen for invalid bed sold, | 20 00 |

| | |
|---|---|
| By Cash received of Harrison E. Herrick as liquor agent, | $40 00 |
| Cash received of Alden Youngman, guardian, balance of the estate of Mrs. Elenor Merrill, | 12 71 |
| | $9,756 64 |

Dr.

| | |
|---|---|
| To paid orders drawn on Treasurer for the current year 1888, | $311 79 |
| Paid town orders drawn on Treasurer for current year 1889, | 3,731 85 |
| Paid Treasurer of school board on account of school money 1889, | 2,200 85 |
| Paid County Treasurer county tax 1889, | 1,181 38 |
| Paid State Treasurer state tax 1889. | 1,850 00 |
| Paid Treasurer school board as appropriation for school house repairs, | 300 00 |
| Cash in Treasury March 1, 1890 | 180 77 |
| | $9,756 64 |

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF THE TOWN.

March 1, 1890.

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from the county for support of paupers, | $100 00 |
| Due to the town from F. P. Jones, on his tax list for 1889, | 463 37 |
| Balance in the town treasury, March 1, 1890, | 180 77 |
| | $744 14 |

## LIABILITIES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Unpaid orders drawn for the current year 1889, | $282 35 |
| Due to the school board, unexpended money in 1889, | 127 76 |
| Due to the school board for unexpended money, district No. 8, 1885, | 27 11 |
| | $437 22 |
| Balance in favor of the town, | $306 92 |

M. P. NICHOLS,
*Town Treasurer.*

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I have examined the foregoing report of the Treasurer of Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

LUTHER KITTREDGE,
*Auditor of Merrimack.*

*Merrimack, March 1, 1890.*

# BIRTHS

Registered in the Town of Merrimack for the year ending December 31, 1889.

| Date of Birth. | Place of Birth. | Name of Child (if any) | Sex and Condition | | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. | Color of Parents. | Residence of Parents. | Occupation of Father | Birthplace of Father. | Birthplace of Mother. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Male or Female | Liv. or Stillbn | | | | | | | |
| Feb. 16, | Merrimack, | ..... | Female | Living | William O. Reynolds | Clara A. Harmon.... | W. | Merrimack, | Painter..... | Vermont. ... ... | Maine..... |
| Feb. 22, | " | ..... .... | Female | Living | Alfred Bastille..... | Georgianna St. Peter. | " | " | Photographer..... | Green Isle , Ont.. | Green Isle., Ont.. |
| May 19, | " | Burton Otis.... | Male .. | Living | Wesley A. Borroughs | Ella M. Adams..... | " | " | Foreman Sect. C.R.R | Vermont..... | Salem, Vt..... |
| May 19, | " | Fred Curtis.... | Male... | Living | " " | " " ..... | " | " | " " | " " | " ..... |
| July 28, | " | ..... | Female | Living | Smith Berry..... | Kate B. Stevens..... | " | " | Miller..... ..... | Pitsfield, N. H... | Salem, N. H..... |
| July 29, | " | ..... | Male... | Living | David Burden..... | Emily Heritage..... | " | " | Kit Maker..... | England..... | England..... |
| July 30, | " | CharlotteLouise | Female | Stillbn | George H. Barnes... | Charlotte Cook. ..... | " | " | Laborer..... | Merrimack, N. H. | England..... |
| Aug. 16, | " | ..... | Female | Living | GranvilleWFerguson | Mamie Connor..... | " | " | Mechanic... ..... | Boston, Mass.... | New York, N. Y. |
| Sept. 20, | " | ..... | Male... | Living | Levi W. Fisher..... | Francis E Bowen.... | " | " | Farmer..... | Francestown,NH | Rutland, Vt..... |
| Oct. 19, | " | ..... | Female | Living | David Senclair..... | Annie M. Wendell... | " | " | Foreman Sect.C.R.R. | Kingston, N. H.. | Raymond, N. H.. |
| Nov. 4, | " | ..... | Female | Living | Ezra Duffee..... | Margarett Welch..... | " | " | Brick Maker..... | Canada..... | Canada..... |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM M. WEST, *Town Clerk.*

# MARRIAGES

Registered in the town of Merrimack for the year ending December 31, 1889.

| Date of Mar'ge. | Place of Marriage. | Name and Surname of Groom and Bride. | Residence of each at time of Marriage. | Age in years. | Color of each. | Occupation of Groom & Bride | Place of Birth of each. | Name of father. | Condition.* | Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| June 12, | Merrimack. | John J. Anderson.... | Merrimack... | 21 | W | Farmer..... | Scotland..... | John Anderson. ... | 1st. | Wm. M. West, Justice, |
| | | Minnie R. Karr..... | " | 14 | " | | Lyndeborough... | Thomas E. Karr.... | " | Merrimack. |
| Sept. 4, | Amherst.... | George S. Parkhurst. | " | 49 | " | Farmer..... | Merimack..... | Elijah P. Parkhurst | " | Rev. Josiah G. Davis, |
| | | Hannah A. E. Drew. | " | 39 | " | Housekeeper.. | Methuen, Maas.. | Joseph H. Drew.... | " | Amherst, N. H. |

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM M. WEST, *Town Clerk.*

# DEATHS

Registered in the Town of Merrimack for the year ending December 31, 1889.

| Date of Death. | Place of Death. | Name and Surname of the Deceased. | Age. Years. | Months. | Days. | Place of Birth. | Sex & Con Male. | Female. | Color. | Sing. Mar or Wid. | Occupation. | Name of Father. | Maiden Name of Mother. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Jan. 5, | Merrimack..... | John McGiloray.... | 72 | 8 | 10 | Merrimack... | M | . | W | M.. | Farmer..... | Simon McGiloray | Rachel Haggett..... |
| Jan. 10, | " | Mary G. Stroud.... | 33 | 4 | 20 | Stafford,Conn | .. | F | " | S... | Sch. Teach. | Richard D.Stroud | Charlotte Leach..... |
| Jan. 19, | " | Pheba A. Parker... | 66 | 2 | 27 | Barnet, Vt... | .. | F | " | M.. | ..... | Moses Strew..... | Anna Sylvester..... |
| Feb. 10, | " | Seth P. Mitchell... | 74 | 6 | 6 | Easton, Mass | M | .. | " | M.. | Farmer..... | Timothy Mitchell | Mehitabel Pratt..... |
| Feb. 18, | " | Mary Kendall..... | 93 | 11 | 13 | Pelham..... | .. | F | " | Wi. | ..... | John Swan..... | Ruth Austin..... |
| Mar. 12, | " | Eri K. Woods..... | 53 | 7 | 7 | Merrimack... | M | .. | " | M.. | Farmer..... | Samuel Woods... | ——Goodwin..... |
| Mar. 18, | " | Emily A. Hay..... | 87 | 6 | 18 | Newton,Mass | .. | F | " | Wi. | ..... | Joshua Hammond | Betsey Kendrick .... |
| Apr. 22, | " | Henry B. Harris... | 51 | 10 | 21 | Bedford.. ... | M | .. | " | M.. | Farmer..... | Amos Harris..... | Hepsie Harris..... |
| Apr. 28, | " | Clarissa F. Hill.... | 83 | 2 | 2 | Brookline.... | .. | F | " | Wi. | ..... | Richard Melendy | Mary N. Tay..... |
| July 12, | " | Mary A. Green. ... | 69 | 9 | 3 | Hollis..... | .. | F | " | Wi. | ..... | Benj. Rogers..... | Lydia Sargent..... |
| July 30, | " | Charlotte L. Barnes | .. | ... | .. | Merrimack.. | .. | F | " | S... | ..... | George H. Barnes | Charlotte Cook..... |
| July 30, | " | Hartwell W. Green | 80 | 2 | 25 | ..... | M | .. | " | Wi. | Farmer..... | ..... | ..... |
| Aug. 10 | " | Jane Lougee..... | 90 | 7 | 4 | Strafford..... | .. | F | " | Wi. | ..... | Jonathan Perkins | Isette Foy..... |
| Aug. 20, | " | Hattie Lawrence... | 42 | .. | .. | Merrimack... | .. | F | " | M.. | ..... | Walter Reed..... | Sophronia Danforth.. |
| Sept. 8, | " | Edward Duffy..... | 4 | 2 | 27 | " | M | .. | " | S... | ..... | Ezra Duffee..... | Margarett Welch..... |
| Nov. 12, | " | Sophronia Foote... | 74 | 3 | 5 | " . | . | F | " | Wi. | ..... | Jonathan Wheeler | Rebecca Barnes..... |
| Nov. 23, | " | Abigail Sargent. .. | 64 | 5 | 16 | Northfield.... | .. | F | " | M.. | ..... | Simeon Cate..... | Dorothy Call..... |
| Dec. 8, | " | Abigail Goodwin.. | 76 | 11 | 23 | Merrimack... | .. | F | " | M.. | ..... | Jessie Gilmore.. | ..... ..... |
| Dec. 10, | " | Ezra B. Burnham.. | 75 | .. | .. | ..... | M | .. | " | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Dec. 25, | " | Nancy E. Hill..... | 58 | 9 | 22 | Westford, Ms | .. | F | " | M.. | ..... | Eben Tidd..... | Pamelia Chandler.... |

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM M. WEST, *Town Clerk.*

# Report of the School Board.

*Citizens of Merrimack:—*

We respectfully present the following report of the public schools of Merrimack for the year ending March 1, 1890.

Our schools, during the year just ended, as a whole, have been very successful. We have noticed with pleasure the interest shown by our scholars and the advancement made in their studies. The praiseworthy work begun under the present system we have faithfully endeavored to carry forward, though not being infallible we may have committed errors.

During the year we have made special efforts to secure experienced and competent teachers, and in many cases we have obtained teachers who were energetic workers, and who awakened an interest in their schools. But GOOD teachers are difficult to retain; they prefer larger schools than are most of ours, hence we have not been able to avoid all the evils attending a change of teachers.

In the employment of teachers we should not ask, who will serve for the least pay? but rather, who will be most useful? Good teachers are neither PLENTY nor CHEAP, the services of such command a premium, and to secure them *we must pay it.*

As a rule the scholars have been quite earnest in improving their advantages, and with one or two exceptions, teachers and scholars have worked faithfully together, and we note quite an interest excited in the higher course of study offered by the contract between the town and the trustees of McGaw Institute. It has stimulated effort.

Only four or five of our schools show a respectable number of scholars, and when it becomes necessary to unite two schools in one, only by the unselfish cöoperation of parents with your committee can the full benefit of such a union be realized.

The multiplicity of text-books used in our schools is a longstanding hindrance to their success, but under the Free Text Book Act this evil will be largely remedied. Some progress toward more uniformity has already been made.

In the repairing of school-houses we have sought to use the funds appropriated where they were most needed. No. 9 house has been refurnished. No. 12 partially, and being unsafe from the settling of the ceiling, new timbers, lathing and plastering were required overhead. No. 11 has been shingled. Lesser repairs have been made in other districts. The houses and out-buildings in several districts are in need of repairs the coming season, while one or more houses should be refurnished. Recognizing the healthful and refining influence of pleasant surroundings over the minds of children, let us be liberal in our appropriations for our school houses and their environments.

Before closing our report we feel constrained to call your serious attention to some hindrances to the full success of our schools which might be removed if parents were never indifferent nor unduly selfish in matters connected with the education of their children. No one, probably, would plead "guilty" to the charge of lacking interest in their children's welfare, or that of our schools; and yet few, perhaps, *manifest* the interest they ought by more frequently visiting the schools; by striving to awaken in the minds of their own children a love of school, and by heartily cöoperating with the teacher to that end. Proper discipline at home aids school disci-

pline, without which no school can attain to the best results. To a greater degree than many parents appreciate, are they a POTENT AGENCY in the noble work of education; the scholar's progress depends not wholly upon the teacher, the BEST teacher can do but little without the moral support and encouragement of the parent; the rude deportment often seen in school children is largely due to lack of home discipline. Quarrels among the scholars have in some instances become a serious disturber of the schools, and parents, by "taking sides," have fostered this contentious spirit, thus embarassing the teacher, and standing directly in the way of their children's highest good. This is all wrong. Rather should the principles of the golden rule be taught in our homes, and the inharmony among our scholars will cease to disturb the school.

In some instances personal enmity between parents has seriously interfered with the scholar's success; let us not so far forget the value of the public school as to allow neighborhood inharmonies to lessen its usefulness, neither let any dissatisfaction with the teacher find publicity through the SOCIAL PARTY OR OTHER GATHERING; rather their complaints should be made to your committee directly and the evils if any might be remedied without harm to teacher or scholar.

The irregular attendance of scholars, in some instances brought to our notice, demands our serious attention and that of parents. The best teacher cannot make a school a success if her pupils are frequently absent. No *ordinary* matter should be allowed as an excuse for a scholar's absence; it is injurious to the scholar, and indeed, to the whole school. If parents are not interested to have their children regular in attendance what can be expected of the children themselves? We would call your attention to the law *compelling* the attendance of children of speci-

fied ages. There are doubtless, cases of unavoidable absence, but we are convinced that as a *rule* it is the result of a lack of proper appreciation of the advantages of the public school. We have no wish to indulge in harsh or unjust criticism, but if we are true to our convictions of right, and true to you, we cannot pass this matter unnoticed.

Finally, if we wish well for the present and future of our scholars, if we would honor and promote the best interests of our town, let us, as the conservators of the public school system—the best the world ever saw—bury all predjudice and join hearts and hands in the effort to secure and perpetuate its blessings.

| No. of Sch'l. | Terms. | Teachers. | Wages per Month. | No. wk's in term | Whole No. of Pupils. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Spring | Miss Georgie L. Barnard | $28 00 | 11 | 9 |
| 1 | Fall | Miss Emma A. Batchelder | 28 00 | 11 | 7 |
| 1 | Winter | Miss Emma A. Batchelder | 28 00 | 9 | 12 |
| 2 | Spring | Miss Annie E. Smith | 28 00 | 11 | 9 |
| 2 | Fall | Miss Annie E. Smith | 28 00 | 11 | 12 |
| 2 | Winter | Miss Annie E. Smith | 28 00 | 9 | 11 |
| 3 | Spring | Miss Eva M. Butterfield | 36 00 | 10 | 21 |
| 3 | Fall | Miss Mary H. Wilkinson | 36 00 | 11 | 26 |
| 3 | Winter | Miss Mary H. Wilkinson | 36 00 | 10 | 22 |
| 4 | Spring | Miss Angie I. Marcy | 28 00 | 11 | 16 |
| 4 | Fall | Miss Etta M. Wilson | 28 00 | 11 | 18 |
| 4 | Winter | Miss Etta M. Wilson | 28 00 | 9 | 17 |
| 5 | Spring | Miss Bertha L. Wilson | 26 00 | 11 | 7 |
| 5 | Fall | Miss Bertha L. Wilson | 26 00 | 11 | 9 |
| 5 | Winter | Miss Florence Hutchinson | 26 00 | 9 | 10 |
| 6 | Spring | Miss Fannie E. Brown | 26 00 | 11 | 13 |
| 6 | Fall | Miss Fannie E. Brown | 26 00 | 11 | 13 |
| 6 | Winter | Miss Fannie E. Brown | 28 00 | 9 | 14 |
| 7 | Spring | Miss Hattie N. Gordon | 28 00 | 11 | 17 |
| 7 | Fall | Miss Ella L. S. Hodgman | 28 00 | 11 | 20 |
| 7 | Winter | Miss Jennie U. Elliott | 28 00 | 9 | 15 |
| 9 | Spring | Miss Grace H. Gibson | 28 00 | 11 | 15 |
| 9 | Fall | Miss Grace H. Gibson | 28 00 | 11 | 14 |
| 9 | Winter | Miss Hattie M. Bryant | 28 00 | 9 | 13 |
| 11 | Spring | Miss Etta M. Wilson | 26 00 | 11 | 6 |
| 12 | Spring | Miss Ellen M. Kennedy | 26 00 | 11 | 7 |
| 12 | Fall | Miss Ellen M. Kennedy | 26 00 | 11 | 8 |
| 12 | Winter | Miss Ellen M. Kennedy | 28 00 | 9 | 8 |

| Average No. of Pupils. | Average Daily Attend'e | Per cent Daily Attend'e | Per cent Yearly Attend'e | No. of Pupils not abs't | Instanc e of Tardiness. | Days lost non-membership. | Days lost by memb's in attend'e |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 9 | 7 | .7863 | | 0 | 3 | 00 | 100 |
| 7 | 6 | .8571 | | 0 | 5 | 24 | 25 |
| 11 | 10 | .9127 | .8888 | 2 | 1 | 36 | 71 |
| 8 | 8 | .9336 | | 2 | 12 | 53 | 28.5 |
| 11 | 11 | .9722 | | 0 | 29 | 25 | 27.5 |
| 9 | 7 | .7786 | .8936 | 0 | 2 | 96 | 81 |
| 19 | 18 | .9473 | | 2 | 36 | 72 | 86 |
| 21 | 20 | .9524 | | 9 | 4 | 255 | 48 |
| 21 | 19 | .9047 | .9500 | 5 | 17 | 45 | 90 5 |
| 16 | 14 | .8750 | | 3 | 66 | 47 | 105.5 |
| 17 | 15 | .8823 | | 4 | 20 | 96 | 58 |
| 17 | 15 | .8823 | .8750 | 4 | 23 | 12 | 53.5 |
| 7 | 6 | .9013 | | 2 | 11 | 30 | 35.5 |
| 7 | 5 | .6592 | | 2 | 3 | 45 | 69 |
| 6 | 6 | .8927 | .7143 | 1 | 12 | 155 | 29 5 |
| 13 | 12 | .9538 | | 4 | 8 | 1 | 30 5 |
| 12 | 10 | .8712 | | 0 | 9 | 58 | 83 |
| 14 | 12 | .8742 | .8997 | 3 | 5 | 00 | 84.5 |
| 17 | 13 | .7647 | | 0 | 4 | 10 | 186 |
| 18 | 17 | .9444 | | 6 | 28 | 60.5 | 98 |
| 14 | 12 | .8571 | .8750 | 0 | 94 | 106 | 36 |
| 12 | 11 | .9166 | | 3 | 0 | 171 | 34 |
| 13 | 12 | .9230 | | 6 | 0 | 37 | 42.5 |
| 12 | 11 | .9166 | .9166 | 3 | 77 | 27 | 56.5 |
| 6 | 5 | .8333 | .8333 | 2 | 16 | 15 | 55.5 |
| 7 | 7 | .9428 | | 4 | 0 | 15 | 7 |
| 8 | 7 | .9625 | | 5 | 0 | 00 | 18 |
| 7 | 7 | .9000 | .9125 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 31.5 |

# STUDIES.

| No. of School. | TERMS. | No. of Scholars. | Reading and Spelling. | Penmanship. | Arithmetic. | Geography. | Grammar. | History. | Composition. | Drawing. | Vocal Music. | Physiology. | Book Keeping. | Algebra. | Astronomy. | Natural History. | Philosophy. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Spring | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 4 | | 5 | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | Fall | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 4 | | 1 | | | | | |
| 1 | Winter | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 10 | | 1 | | | | | |
| 2 | Spring | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Fall | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 10 | 4 | | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 2 | Winter | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 3 | 6 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 3 | Spring | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Fall | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | Winter | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 20 | 10 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Spring | 16 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 10 | 5 | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | | |
| 4 | Fall | 18 | 18 | 18 | 16 | 11 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | Winter | 17 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Spring | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | | | | | 1 | | | | |
| 5 | Fall | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | Winter | 10 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 3 | | 2 | | | | | |
| 6 | Spring | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 3 | | 10 | 13 | 13 | 2 | | | | | 1 |
| 6 | Fall | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 3 | | 10 | 13 | 13 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 6 | Winter | 14 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 3 | | 10 | 13 | 14 | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| 7 | Spring | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 12 | 8 | 7 | | | | 2 | | | | | |
| 7 | Fall | 20 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 9 | 8 | 2 | | | | 2 | 4 | | | | |
| 7 | Winter | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 3 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 9 | Spring | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 15 | 1 | | 1 | | | | | |
| 9 | Fall | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 2 | | 1 | | | | | |
| 9 | Winter | 13 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 9 | 2 | 9 | | | 3 | | | | | |
| 11 | Spring | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | |
| 12 | Spring | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | 2 | 3 | |
| 12 | Fall | 8 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 4 | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Winter | 8 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | | | 2 | | | 2 | | |

# TABLE OF EXPENSES.

| No. of School. | Teachers' Wages Spring Term. | Fall Term. | Winter Term. | Supplies. | Repairs. | Cost of Fuel. | Preparing and housing Fuel | Cleaning School Rooms. Outhouses, Yards, etc. | Janitors. | Conveying Pupils. | Total Expense of each School. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | $77.00 | $77.00 | $63.00 | $1.48 | $.85 | $5.44 | $2.50 | $ 2.00 | $5.90 | $ | $235.17 |
| 2 | 77.00 | 77.00 | 63 00 | 3.06 | 1.50 | | .75 | 3.50 | 4.25 | | 230.06 |
| 3 | 90.00 | 99.00 | 90.00 | 4.33 | 9.95 | .90 | | 4.40 | 6 20 | | 304 78 |
| 4 | 77.00 | 77.00 | 63.00 | 1.34 | 4.74 | 20.15 | 2.62 | 7.95 | 6.10 | | 259.90 |
| 5 | 71.50 | 71.50 | 58.50 | .97 | 3.67 | | | 1.75 | 6.10 | | 213.99 |
| 6 | 71.50 | 71.50 | 63 00 | 1.03 | 1.59 | 10.50 | 2.25 | 2.50 | 5.90 | | 229.77 |
| 7 | 77.00 | 77.00 | 63.00 | 8.12 | 1.10 | .94 | 4.47 | 2.50 | 5.90 | | 240.03 |
| 8 | | | | | | | | | | 43.00 | 43.00 |
| 9 | 77.00 | 77.00 | 63.00 | 1.83 | 160.05 | 6.30 | 1.65 | 1.50 | 5 90 | | 394 23 |
| 11 | 71.50 | | | 4.91 | 37.11 | | | 2.00 | 1.65 | | 117.17 |
| 12 | 71.50 | 71.50 | 63.00 | .33 | 107.07 | | | 2.50 | 6.10 | | 322.00 |
| | 761.00 | 698.50 | 589.50 | 27.40 | 327.63 | 44.23 | 14.24 | 30.60 | 54.00 | 43.00 | 2590.10 |

SCHOOL REVENUE.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance over from last year, | $108 20 |
| Received on account of school money raised for 1889, | 1,167 24 |
| Literary Fund, | 128 79 |
| Special appropriation on account of State Savings Bank tax, | 141 57 |
| Income of Joseph N. and Jane N. Gage funds, | 763 25 |
| Special appropriation for repairs, | 300 00 |
| Interest received on bank deposit, | 8 89 |
| Cash received by order of Selectmen, as provision for the furnishing of books and school supplies under the "Free text book act," | 31 21 |
| Cash received for supplies sold, | 10 03 |
| | $2,659 18 |

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES.

| | |
|---|---|
| Wages of teachers, | $2,049 00 |
| Fuel, | 44 23 |
| Preparing fuel, | 14 24 |
| Supplies, | 27 40 |
| Books furnished for teachers use, | 7 16 |
| Books furnished indigent pupils, | 5 07 |
| Books loaned pupils under the "Free text book act," | 20 36 |
| Books on hand and sold, | 13 58 |
| Janitors, | 54 00 |
| Conveying of pupils, | 43 00 |
| Cleaning school rooms, out-buildings and yards, | 30 60 |
| Repairs, | 327 63 |
| Supplies sold and on hand, | 8 51 |
| Miscellaneous expenses, | 4 20 |
| | $2,648 98 |

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|---|---|
| Total cash received, | $2,659 18 |
| Total cash expended, | 2,648 98 |
| Balance, | $10 20 |
| Cash due school district from town treasurer, | 127 76 |
| Cash due No. 8 school from town treasurer, | 27 11 |
| Total balance for next year, | $165 07 |

Respectfully submitted,

HORTENSIA McMILLEN,
HENRY A. HARRIS,
E. MONROE PARKER,
*School Board.*

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Merrimack, N. H., March 1, 1890.

This certifies that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer of the school board of this town for the year ending March 1, 1890, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

LUTHER KITTREDGE,
WILLIAM M. WEST,
*Auditors.*

The joint committee of the town and trustees of McGaw Normal Institute under the contract between said town and trustees submit the following brief report:

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|---|---|
| Whole number of different pupils examined and admitted under the contract during the year, | 37 |
| No attending spring term, | 23 |
| " " fall term, | 25 |
| " " winter term, | 27 |

The full tuitions would have amounted to $573.30.

All things considered the results are most satisfactory, and the committee are fully convinced of the wisdom of the undertaking on the part of the town. The committee most earnestly reccommend a renewal of the contract, with an appropriation at least equal to the gross amount of tuition, and feel sure that longer trial of the system will be attended by still larger benefits.

The town cannot afford to do otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

ELISHA A. KEEP,

*For the Committee.*

Merrimack, N. H., March 1, 1890.

# ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy:

## NO. I SCHOOL.

Third term: Ida M. Wendall, Everett H. Longa.

## NO. II SCHOOL.

First term: Charles Phelps, Ethel Clark.

## NO. III SCHOOL.

First term: Daisy B. Read, Louis Gilson.

Second term: Daisy B. Read, Arthur Truell, Ernest Read, Louis McKay, Harry McKay, Arthur Gordon, Louis Gilson, Daniel Bean, Herbert Bennett.

Third term: Herbert A. Bennett, Clarence N. Foskett, Arthur G. Gordon, Harry D. McKay, Arthur H. Truell.

## NO. IV SCHOOL.

First term: Eldora E. Holt, Aggie Carter, Abbie Griffen.

Second term: Eldora E. Holt, Clara W. Griffen, Wilbert Blanchard.

Third term: Clara W. Griffen, Martha C. Worcester, John E. Worcester, Eldora E. Holt.

## NO. V SCHOOL.

First term: Emma F. Humphrey, Pearl A. Melvin.

Second term: Emma F. Humphrey, George H. Humphrey.

Third term: Adell Fulton.

## NO. VI SCHOOL.

First term: Gertrude E. S. Hill, E. Isabell Kittredge, Ernest W. Holt, Augusta E. Hill.

Third term: Herbert G. Upham, Alvah A. Junkins, E. Isabell Kittredge.

## NO. VII SCHOOL.

Second term: Laura A. Barlow, Ethel Hutchinson, Mary A. Watkins, Frank A. Barlow, Wilbur P. Beard, Walter Beard.

## NO. IX SCHOOL.

First term: Josie C. Ayer, Eva G. Jones, Josiah N. Henderson.

Second term: Georgie W. Ayer, Josie C. Ayer, Josiah N. Henderson, Willie T. Henderson, Florence H. Pillsbury, Eva G. Jones.

## NO. XI SCHOOL.

First term: George O'Neil, Edna L. Wentworth.

## NO. XII SCHOOL.

First term: Allie H. Harris, Leroy E. Harris, Willie M. Patterson, Ned F. Patterson, Hamilton Porter.

Second term: Allie H. Harris, Leroy E. Harris, Nellie M. Patterson, Ned F. Patterson.

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